

Torrance, California  
December 27, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, December 27, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held December 13, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Three communications were read from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Washington, D.C., advising that applications for fund grants to finance recreational projects has been disapproved. Filed.

A communication was read from the State of California Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, advising that plans, specifications and estimate for improvement of Arlington Avenue, Carson Avenue, Cravens Avenue, Marcelina Avenue and Post Avenue had been approved by the Sacramento Office. A letter from Mr. McCoy, Assistant State Highway Engineer, was attached, giving full authority to proceed with improvements by day labor.

A communication was read from Frank L. Perry, Attorney-at-law, relative to the purchase of the property in Walteria belonging to the P.S. Vgnable Estate. It was requested that some action be taken, as another party is contemplating purchase of the property.

Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and recommendation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. John Salm of the Salm Manufacturing Company, accepting service on the City of Torrance Planning Commission.

A communication was read from The National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, suggesting that a bulletin board be placed across from the Torrance Theatre to be used by the different organizations in posting meeting dates and important events.

There was some discussion relative to this, it being the impression that the location desired for the board (the small park across from the theatre) had been dedicated to the American Legion several years ago.

It was decided to investigate and report on the matter at the next meeting.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1225

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1165 AND  
DECLARING INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF  
ALLEY IN BLOCK 2 OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 35,  
MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1225 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1225 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was

carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett asked for a report from the Finance Committee referring to Mr. Mershon's request for reorganization of the Symphonic Orchestra.

Councilman McGuire, Finance Committee Chairman, reported that the Committee feels it is unable at the present time to offer financial support to any orchestra and asked that Mr. Mershon be notified to this effect.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$300.00 be made for repairs to the park lighting system. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Murray asked what action had been taken on the request of the Walteria Recreation Center for \$10.00 per month appropriation.

Attorney McCall reported the matter to be still in abeyance, awaiting some action relative to purchase of property being used for recreational purposes.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City of Torrance adopt a 40-hour week schedule, effective as of January 1, 1939, for all employees except Police Department and Fire Department employees who are under Civil Service; adjustment of pay rates to conform to the prevailing schedule.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Council and other employees designated by the Council be authorized to attend the opening of Parker Dam January 7, 1939, expenses in connection therewith to be paid by the City. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr Young suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible, as facilities for accomodating guests are limited somewhat.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Director of Public Safety be authorized to attend the Southern California Fire Chiefs' Convention at Riverside January 14, 1939, expenses paid. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$250.00, tax included, be made for equipment and replacement of equipment in the auditorium kitchen. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented a request of KNX officials for a sodium light on Hawthorne Boulevard near the Santa Fe viaduct.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the lighting committee for investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that the specifications for painting the water tanks be approved. Councilman Murray seconded the

motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Murray moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for painting the water tanks. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Kellam, 2041 West 174th Street, requested permission to solicit curb stenciling of house numbers in the City of Torrance.

Clerk Bartlett explained that this will not conflict with any other business in the town and said he could see no objection to granting the request.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:14 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

[Signature]  
Mayor of the City of Torrance